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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 5787

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LIBYAN HOUSING SECRETARY TO MALAYSIA

REF: A) TRIPOLI 0831 (NOTAL) DTG 131150Z JUN 78, B) KUAL

LUMPUR 5599 (NOTAL), DTG 130200Z JUN 78

1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A WELL-CONNECTED LOCAL JOURNALIST WITH CLOSE TIES TO DATUK MOHAMAD ASRI MUDA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE OPPOSITION ISLAMIC PARTY (PAS), THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED REFTEL A, LIBYAN HOUSING SECRETARY MUHAMMAD AL-MANQUSH ALSO MET WITH ASRI DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO KUALA LUMPUR. THE REPORTER (WHO IS ONLY SOMETIMES GIVEN TO SENSATIONALISM) STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT AL-MANQUSH HAD PASSED LIBYAN MONEY TO ASRI FOR USE IN THE COMING NATIONAL ELECTIONS, JULY 8.

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2. IT IS THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IN MALAYSIA THAT ASRI IS CLOSE TO QADDAFI AND HAS RECEIVED MONEY FROM LIBYA IN THE PAST, USUALLY-FOR FINANCING DISSIDENT MUSLIM ACTIVITY IN THAILAND. ASRI REPORTEDLY MADE A TRIP TO LIBYA EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE TO US THAT

AL-MANQUSH COULD HAVE BEEN CARRYING A CHECK
FOR ASRI'S POLITICAL COFFERS.

3. COMMENT: IF THERE IS INDEED SOME TRUTH TO
THIS STORY, THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF PAS GOING
INTO THE ELECTION MAY NOT BE AS ANEMIC AS THE
OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES (REF B).
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